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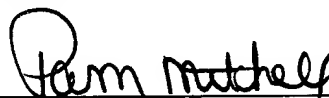
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RE: *U.S. Patent Application Entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING CRITICAL DIMENSION VARIATION IN A LINE STRUCTURE"*

Inventor(s): Marilyn I. Wright

Client Reference: TT4349

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are:

- (1) 28-page patent specification with 47 claims and an abstract (also Figures 1-6 on 6 sheets);
- (2) Declaration;
- (3) Assignment and Assignment Cover Sheet;
- (4) Power of Attorney; and
- (5) Request for Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).

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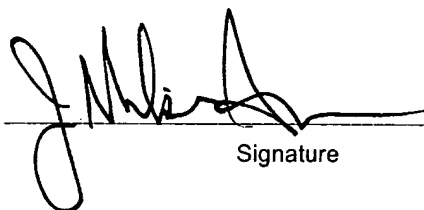
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First Named Inventor	Marilyn I. Wright	
Title	Method & Apparatus for Determining Critical Dimension Variation...	
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